

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method for treating hepatitis comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound that neutralizes the effect of secreted TNF alpha.

2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the hepatitis is selected from the group consisting of hepatitis A, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, hepatitis D, and hepatitis E.

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~~3. The method according to claim 1 wherein the compound that neutralizes the effect of secreted TNF alpha is a p75:FC inhibitor.~~

~~4. The method according to claim 3 wherein the p75:FC inhibitor is etanercept.~~

5. The method according to claim 1 wherein the compound that neutralizes the effect of secreted TNF alpha is a humanized monoclonal antibody.

6. The method according to claim 5 wherein the compound is infliximab.

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